

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 20**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Huffman**

February 16, 2011

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Relative to Water Awareness Month.

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ACR 20, as introduced, Huffman. Water Awareness Month.

This measure would designate May 2011 as Water Awareness Month, and would urge Californians to learn effective ways to conserve water.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of the vital role that water plays in  
2 the lives of the people, animals, ecosystems, and economy of the  
3 State of California, the month of May has been designated Water  
4 Awareness Month in the State of California; and  
5 WHEREAS, The California Constitution states that the  
6 conservation of the waters of the state is to be exercised in the  
7 interest of the people and the public welfare, and with population  
8 growth and climate changes, the need is greater than ever to use  
9 water wisely and practice water conservation; and  
10 WHEREAS, Originated during California's drought years of  
11 1987 to 1992, Water Awareness Month was established with the  
12 goal to help educate consumers about using water resources  
13 efficiently, but water awareness is needed in all types of water  
14 years; and

1 WHEREAS, The month of May was selected because it is  
2 typically the time when warm weather approaches and, with it,  
3 increased water use; and

4 WHEREAS, Water conservation is the most cost-effective and  
5 environmentally sound way to reduce the state's demand for water,  
6 and using less water also puts less pressure on our water treatment  
7 facilities and uses less energy for moving and heating water; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the California Energy Commission,  
9 as recognized in the California Water Plan Update, end use of  
10 water is the most energy intensive portion of the water use cycle  
11 in California, and measures to increase the use efficiency and reuse  
12 will reduce electricity demand from the water sector and, in turn,  
13 may reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

14 WHEREAS, Efficient water use can also help California's  
15 communities cope with reduced water supply reliability that may  
16 be induced by climate change, thus reducing economic and  
17 environmental impacts of water scarcity; and

18 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 7 of the 2009–10 Seventh  
19 Extraordinary Session created a statewide framework for future  
20 planning and actions to reduce the state's water use, requiring  
21 urban water agencies to reduce per capita water usage by the year  
22 2020; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates May  
25 2011 as Water Awareness Month, and urges the citizens of  
26 California, homeowners, businesses, farms, ranches, and  
27 governmental and nongovernmental entities to learn the many  
28 effective ways to conserve water.